



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the Legislative Update for June 2016

This email newsletter is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep older Arizonans and advocates of aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight federal legislation or activities affecting older Americans. **Between legislative sessions of the Arizona State Legislature**, the *Legislative Updates* focuses on news and information. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The *Legislative Update* is non-partisan in nature. Thank you for your interest!

52nd Legislature, 2nd Regular Session Wrap Up

Summary of Action (posted at *Arizona Capitol Times* Legislation On Line Arizona – LOLA)

117 days of the session, a total of **1,247 bills posted; 388 passed, 14 vetoed and 374 signed; 114 memorials or resolutions posted; 36 passed.**

Highlighted bills tracked by the Council and signed by the Governor

S.1169: mental health power of attorney – [House summary](#)

S1196: silver alert; Alzheimer's disease – [House summary](#)

S1283: controlled substances prescription monitoring program – [House summary](#)

S1293: mediation; confidential communications; exception – [House summary](#)

S1296: guardianship, proceedings; ward's relationships – [House summary](#)

S1375: telephone solicitations – [House summary](#)

S1382: service animals; handler control – [House summary](#)

S1441: long-term care insurance; rules – [House summary](#)

H2104: ASRS; retention of credited service – [House summary](#)

H2106: HOAS; enforcement grace period – [House summary](#)

H2153: VLT exemption; military members; spouses – [House summary](#)

H2238: insurance; identity theft group policies – [House summary](#)

H2255: service animals; licensing; fee waiver – [House summary](#)

H2388: qualified disability expenses; eligible individuals – [House summary](#)

H2452: cash assistance; eligibility; children – [House summary](#)

H2461: lifespan respite care; program termination – [House summary](#)

H2467: fiduciary access to digital assets – [House summary](#)

SCR1006: first responders; honoring - [TEXT](#)

SCR1008: grandfamily/kinship care month - [TEXT](#)

SCR1009: fallen veterans; remembrance; 21 seconds - [TEXT](#)

NOTE: Be sure to open the **[links](#)** (above) and throughout this issue in order to see the latest information.

The **FULL List** web report provided [HERE](#) includes all of the bills tracked by the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging during the last session. You can see the final outcome of legislation at the top of the report. (Be sure to click on the bill number for more information including fact sheets, bill versions, amendments, votes, and action taken on the bill.) Please be advised that the presence of a bill on a tracking list **does not** represent support or opposition by the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging. It **does** mean that the topic is something that could be of interest or have an impact on older Arizonans. Information about bill status, hearings, etc. is a purchased service provided by *Arizona Capitol Times*.

Share your thoughts at any time!

If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators, you may voice your thoughts at any time by contacting the:

- **Governor's Office of Constituent Services** at **602-542-4331 in Phoenix; 520-628-6580 in Tucson** and **in-state toll-free at 1-800-253-0883 (outside Maricopa County only)** or
- **Legislators** from your area. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature** website and looking for: [How Do I Find or Contact my Legislators?](#)

Members of the House of Representatives and Senate are listed on the Arizona State Legislature website at the following links if you wish to contact them by phone or email.

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Not sure about your congressional or legislative district? Maps can be found on the Arizona State Legislature website linked [here](#).

FEDERAL OVERVIEW

Bill Updates

H.R.4963

Elder Abuse Victims Act of 2016

Introduced on 4/15/2016 by Representative Peter T. King (NY-2)

To better protect, serve, and advance the rights of victims of elder abuse and exploitation by establishing a program to encourage States and other qualified entities to create jobs designed to hold offenders accountable, enhance the capacity of the justice system to investigate, pursue, and prosecute elder abuse cases, identify existing resources to leverage to the extent possible, and assure data collection, research, and evaluation to promote the efficacy and efficiency of the activities described in this Act.

Latest Action: On 5/17/2016, referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations.

H.R.4641

To provide for the establishment of an inter-agency task force to review, modify, and update best practices for pain management and prescribing pain medication, and for

other purposes.

Introduced on 2/26/2016 by Representative Susan W. Brooks (IN-5)

Text [HERE](#)

Latest Action: On 5/12/2016 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R.4538

SeniorSafe Act of 2016

Introduced on 2/11/2016 by Representative Kyrsten Sinema (AZ-9)

This bill provides that: (1) a supervisor, compliance officer, or legal advisor for a covered financial institution who has received training regarding the identification and reporting of the suspected exploitation of a senior citizen (at least 65 years old) shall not be liable for disclosing such exploitation to a covered agency if such individual made the disclosure in good faith and with reasonable care; and (2) a covered financial institution shall not be liable for such a disclosure by such an individual if such individual was employed by the institution at the time of the disclosure and the institution had provided such training.

A "covered financial institution" means a bank, a credit union, an investment adviser, or a broker-dealer. A "covered agency" means each of the federal financial institutions regulatory agencies or a state financial regulatory agency, law enforcement agency, or adult protective services agency.

A covered financial institution may provide such training to each of its supervisors, compliance officers, or legal advisors who: (1) may come into contact with a senior citizen as a regular part of such employee's duties; or (2) may review or approve the financial documents, records, or transactions of a senior citizen in connection with providing him or her financial services

Latest Action: on 6/16/2016 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 59 - 0.

H.R.3989

Support Our Military Caregivers Act

Introduced on 11/5/2015 by Representative Elise M. Stefanik (NY-21)

This bill permits an individual to elect to have an independent contractor perform an external clinical review of any of the following:

- a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) denial of an individual's application to be a

- caregiver or family caregiver eligible for VA benefits;
- with respect to an approved application, a VA determination of the level or amount of personal care services that a veteran requires;
- a request by a caregiver or family caregiver for a reconsideration of the level or amount of personal care services that a veteran requires based on post-application changes; and
- a revocation of benefits by the VA.

The VA shall ensure that each external clinical review is completed and the individual is notified in writing of the results within 120 days of the election.

Latest Action: 5/24/2016 Received in the Senate and Read Twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3936

VET Act

Introduced on 11/5/2015 by Representative Ryan A. Costello (PA-6)

The bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to carry out a three-year pilot program under which the VA shall carry out Veteran Engagement Team events in which veterans will be assisted in completing VA disability and pension claims.

Latest Action: on 6/21/2016 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

H.R.3590

Halt Tax Increases on the Middle Class and Seniors Act

Introduced on 9/22/2015 by Representative Martha McSally (AZ-2)

This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to roll back the increased threshold for determining the amount of the tax deduction for medical expenses. Currently, individual taxpayers under age 65 may only deduct those medical expenses that exceed 10% of their adjusted gross income. This bill reduces that percentage to 7.5% for all taxpayers.

Latest Action: on 6/15/2016, Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 24 – 11.

H.R.2646

Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2015

Introduced on 6/4/2015 by Representative Tim Murphy (PA-18)

The protected health information of an individual with a serious mental illness may be

disclosed to a caregiver under certain conditions. This bill amends title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act (SSAct) to conditionally expand coverage of mental health services. Part D (Voluntary Prescription Drug Benefit Program) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the SSAct is amended to require coverage of antidepressants and antipsychotics. If it will not increase Medicare spending, Medicare's 190-day lifetime limit on inpatient psychiatric hospital services is eliminated. Health information technology activities and incentives are expanded to include certain mental health and substance abuse professionals and facilities.

This bill restricts the lobbying and counseling activities of protection and advocacy systems for individuals with mental illness. These systems must focus on safeguarding the rights of individuals with mental illness to be free from abuse and neglect.

Latest Action: On 6/15/2016, forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 53-0.

H.R.2460

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of adult day health care services for veterans.

Introduced on 5/19/2015 by Representative Lee M. Zeldin (NY-1)

This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement or a contract with each state home to pay for adult day health care for a veteran eligible for, but not receiving, nursing home care. The veteran must need such care either specifically for a service-connected disability, or, if not specifically for one; the veteran must have a service-connected disability rated 70% or more. Payment under each agreement or contract between the Secretary and a state home must equal 65% of the payment that the Secretary would otherwise pay to the state home if the veteran were receiving nursing home care.

Latest Action: On 5/24/2016, Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2577

Justice for All Reauthorization Act

Introduced on 2/24/2016 by Senator John Cornyn (TX)

To protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA and other forensic evidence samples to improve and expand the forensic science testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of forensic evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to support accreditation efforts of forensic science laboratories and medical examiner offices, to address training and equipment needs, to improve the performance of

counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

Latest Action: On 5/12/2016 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 463.

S.1490

Seniors Fraud Prevention Act of 2015

Introduced on 6/3/2015 by Senator Amy Klobuchar (MN)

Directs the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to establish an office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection to advise the FTC on the prevention of fraud targeting seniors and to assist the FTC in monitoring the market for mail, television, Internet, telemarketing, and recorded message telephone call (robocall) fraud targeting seniors.

Latest Action: On 6/15/2016, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

Other Legislation

S.Res.498

A resolution designating June 15, 2016 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Introduced on 6/16/2016 by Senator Richard Blumenthal

Text [HERE](#)

Submitted in the Senates; considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4263; text as passed Senate: CR S4305)

H.R.5409

Social Security Disability Insurance Return to Work Act

Introduced on 6/8/2016 by Representative French J. Hill (AR-2)

To help individuals receiving disability insurance benefits under title II of the Social Security Act obtain rehabilitative services and return to the workforce, and for other purposes.

On 6/8/2016, referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

(Also see **S.3037**)

H.R.5396

Medicare Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act of 2016

Introduced on 6/7/2016 by Representative Jim McDermott (WA-7)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of dental, vision, and hearing care under the Medicare program.

On 6/7/2016, referred to the House Ways and Means.

H.R.5367

Seniors' Security Act of 2016

Introduced on 5/26/2016 by Representative Donald Norcross (NJ-1)

This bill amends title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) (OASDI) of the Social Security Act (SSAct) to require the computation of cost-of-living adjustments to use the Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers (CPI-E).

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor shall prepare and publish the CPI-E for each calendar month.

The CPI-E shall also be used for cost-of-living adjustments for federal civilian employee annuities and for the retired and retainer pay of members of the armed forces.

SSAct title XVIII (Medicare) is amended to prohibit any increases in Medicare part B premiums for calendar years beginning with 2017 to the extent they would exceed 30% of the difference between the amount of benefits payable to an individual for that December and the amount of benefits payable for that November (both amounts determined before the deduction of a premium). This change shall allow premium increases of up to 30% of that difference.

On 6/7/2016, referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.5366

Alzheimer's Breakthrough Sunshine Act

Introduced on 5/26/2016 by Representative Patrick Murphy (FL-18)

This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to exclude from gross income for seven years amounts received from the sale of certain drugs for treating Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

The exclusion applies to the sale of a drug approved or licensed as a disease-modifying treatment for Alzheimer's disease and that has been designated as a breakthrough therapy under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. The drug must be sold through an arm's

length transaction by a holder of the approved application for the drug.

On 5/26/2016, referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.5354

Improving Supports for Kinship Caregivers Act of 2016

Introduced on 5/26/2016 by Representative Danny K. Davis (IL-7)

To amend title IV of the Social Security Act to improve supports for kinship caregivers in child welfare programs and the programs of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families.

On 5/26/2016 referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.5347

Social Security Disability Fairness Act of 2016

Introduced on 5/26/2016 by Representative Rodney Davis (IL-13)

This bill amends title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) of the Social Security Act to prescribe formulae for payment of Social Security Disability Insurance benefits over a period of 24 consecutive calendar months for individuals determined to be under a disability upon submission of a diagnosis of a terminal illness.

On 5/26/2016, referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.5342

Fair COLA for Seniors Act of 2016

Introduced on 5/26/2016 by Representative Richard M. Nolan (MN-8)

This bill directs the Social Security Administration to make a one-time cost-of-living increase of 3.9%, effective with the month of June 2016, to benefits under title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) (OASDI) of the Social Security Act.

Such increase shall not be considered a general annual benefit cost-of-living increase in calendar years 2016-2017.

"Consumer Price Index" shall mean Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers (CPI-E).

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor shall prepare and publish the CPI-E authorized by the Older Americans Amendments Act of 1987 for each calendar month beginning with July of the calendar year following the calendar year in which this bill is

enacted.

On 5/26/2016 referred to the House Education and Workforce.

H.R.5295

Safeguarding Economic Needs Important to Our Retirees through Creating an Ongoing Living Adjustment Guarantee (SENIOR COLA Guarantee) Act of 2016

Introduced on 5/19/2016 by Representative Joseph J. Heck (NV-3)

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide minimum and maximum cost-of-living increases for Social Security beneficiaries and for other purposes.

On 5/19/2016 referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.5273

Helping Hospitals Improve Patient Care Act of 2016

Introduced on 5/18/2016 by Representative Patrick J. Tiberi (OH-12)

TITLE I--PROVISIONS RELATING TO MEDICARE PART A

(Sec. 101) The bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to require the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to develop, with respect to claims for hospital services, codes under the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) for similar inpatient and outpatient hospital services.

(Sec. 102) The bill establishes processes for adjusting a hospital's Medicare payments based on the hospital's overall proportion of inpatients who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid.

(Sec. 103) The bill extends for five years the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program, through which Medicare pays certain rural hospitals on the basis of reasonable incurred costs rather than under the standard prospective payment system.

(Sec. 104) With respect to long-term care hospitals, the bill lifts a moratorium on bed increases. The bill reduces rates for high-cost outlier payments, which are additional Medicare payments made in extraordinarily high-cost cases.

(Sec. 105) The bill reduces the amount by which hospital payment rates for inpatient services increase in FY2018.

TITLE II--PROVISIONS RELATING TO MEDICARE PART B

(Sec. 201) The bill excludes certain off-campus outpatient departments (OPDs) from

specified rules that mandate lower Medicare payments. Specifically, the exclusion applies to: (1) cancer hospitals in off-campus OPDs, and (2) mid-build OPDs. A "mid-build" OPD is one for which the provider had, before a certain date, a binding written agreement with an outside party for construction.

(Sec. 203) With respect to payment reductions for failing to meet requirements for the meaningful use of electronic health records (EHRs), the bill exempts eligible professionals who are based in ambulatory surgical centers.

TITLE III--OTHER MEDICARE PROVISIONS

(Sec. 301) Until plan year 2019, CMS may not terminate an MA plan solely because the plan failed to achieve a specified minimum quality rating.

(Sec. 302) CMS must annually report on Medicare enrollment data, as specified by the bill.

(Sec. 303) CMS shall: (1) request information and recommendations from stakeholders on information included in the Welcome to Medicare package, and (2) update the information included in the package accordingly.

On 6/8/2016 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

H.R.5254

Senior Accessible Housing Act

Introduced on 5/16/2016 by Representative Patrick Murphy (FL-18)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to seniors who install modifications on their residences that would enable them to age in place, and for other purposes.

On 5/16/2016 referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.5241

Protecting Seniors from Health Care Fraud Act of 2016

Introduced on 5/13/2016 by Representative Raul Ruiz (CA-36)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to distribute additional information to Medicare beneficiaries to prevent health care fraud, and for other purposes.

On 5/20/2016 referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.5196

Americans Giving Care to Elders (AGE) Act of 2016

Introduced on 5/11/2016 by Representative Steve Israel (NY-3)

This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow caregivers a tax credit for up to \$6,000 of the eldercare expenses incurred for their parents (or ancestors of such parents). It also amends the Older American Act of 1965 to: (1) increase and extend through FY2020 the authorization of appropriations for the National Family Caregiver Support Program, and (2) require the Department of Health and Human Services to award a grant to or enter into a cooperative agreement with a public or private nonprofit entity to establish a National Resource on Family Caregiving to provide information on and support for family caregiver support programs.

On 5/11/2016 referred to the House Ways and Means.

S.2961

Compassionate Care Act

Introduced on 5/19/2016 by Senator Richard Blumenthal (CT)
The bill is intended to improve end-of-life care.

On 5/19/2016, read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S.2736

Patient Access to Durable Medical Equipment Act of 2016

Introduced on 6/21/2016 by Senator John Thune (SD)

To improve access to durable medical equipment for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

On 6/21/2016, referred to the House Ways and Means.

From the **National Council on Aging/NCOA Public Policy News**
[SHIPs eliminated; SCSEP cut in FY17 funding bill](#)

Share your opinions with members of Congress!

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your Representative or Senators by visiting: <http://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or <http://www.senate.gov/> for the **Senate**.

Links to the membership lists are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

You can contact the **White House** at this [link](#).

ALSO: USA.gov provides contact information at:
<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>.

NEWS& RESOURCES

From **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services/HHS**

HHS awards \$156 million to health centers to expand oral health services [HERE](#)

FY2016 Oral Health Awards [map](#)

Arizona FY16 Oral Health Awards [HERE](#)

Alzheimer's website: <http://www.alzheimers.gov/>

The **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** launched a new Healthy Aging Data Portal. More information [HERE](#)

From **Kaiser Health News**

June 13, 2016 KHN Morning Briefing

[The New York Times: Prescription Drug Abuse Among Older Adults Is Harder To Detect](#)

Drug addiction is not restricted to the young. Donna Weber, now 53, turned to painkillers after undergoing simple surgery. Then a long, tortured path to divorce made her anxious and depressed. Soon, she found herself on a candy-colored pill roller coaster. Unlike street drugs,

the pharmaceutical pills were easy to obtain legally. She got them from emergency rooms, dentists, psychiatrists, even plastic surgeons. "I went to doctors with exaggerated truths," explained Ms. Weber, who once had four doctors. "I said I hurt more and more." (Gustke, 6/10)

June 3, 2016 KHN Morning Briefing

Gov't Panel Urges Medicare To Find Ways To Make Hearing Loss Treatment More Affordable found [HERE](#)

May 23, 2016 KHN Morning Briefing

Doctors' House Calls Saving Money for Medicare [HERE](#)

KHN's Aging coverage at: <http://khn.org/topics/aging/>.

Death Talk Is Cool At This Festival [HERE](#)

National Alzheimer's Project Act updated information can be found at:
<http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/>.

From the **Center on Aging & Work at Boston College**

AGenda Aging& Work Blog, Friday, May 20th, 2016

[*Retirement Security: It's Not Just About the Money*](#)

From the **National Association of States United for Aging and Disability/NASUAD**

Friday Updates, June 17, 2016

Home and Community Based Services Quality Comments

The National Quality Forum (NQF) is convening a stakeholder committee to develop recommendations for the improvement of quality measurements in home and community based services (HCBS). NQF released the third interim report, "Addressing Performance Measure Gaps in Home and Community Based Services to Support Community Living: Priorities for Measure Development," to guide the changes of future quality measures. NQF encourages individuals to view the report and make comments by **Friday, July 15, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to view the report and submit comments.

Friday Updates, June 10, 2016

How Can States Support an Aging Population? Actions Policymakers Can Take

On Wednesday, June 8, 2016, the Milbank Memorial Fund published a new report that focuses on challenges and policy recommendations for states as they work to support an aging population. The report reviews topics discussed at the Milbank Memorial Fund's Reforming States Group and the New York Academy of Medicine's fall 2015 meetings. The sessions were attended by state policymakers and covered an overview of issues in aging, including the socio-demographic composition of the population, the World Health Organization's framework for active-aging and age-friendly communities, and the financial security of older Americans. Suggestions for policy initiatives that emerged from discussions at the meetings are included in the report and are intended to provide a framework for state policymakers to identify potential areas for action.

[Click here](#) to view the full report.

NASUAD and Human Services Research Institute released the results from a six-state deployment of the National Core Indicators – Aging and Disabilities (NCI-AD™) adult consumer survey.

Full Report [HERE](#)

Press release [HERE](#)

From the **Administration for Community Living/ACL**

Commemorating World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2016 [HERE](#)

The **Governor's Advisory Council on Aging** was pleased to partner with **Western Arizona Council of Governments, Area Agency on Aging Region IV** and offer the Virtual Dementia Tour® (VDT) at the **Beatitudes Campus** June 8- 9, 2016 in Phoenix. The 20-minute individual tours, facilitated by trained and licensed WACOG staff provided the chance to experience firsthand the challenges and insights of living with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder. In support of the [Arizona Alzheimer's State Plan](#) recommendations, first responders were invited to participate as part of efforts to increase knowledge and sensitivity to people with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. Executive leadership from Police Departments in Apache Junction, El Mirage, Glendale, Mesa, Oro Valley, Prescott Valley and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community as well as Fire Department leadership and staff from Buckeye, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Surprise, Tempe and Tucson participated along with leadership staff from the Arizona Department of Public Safety

and the Maricopa County Attorney's office. Additional participants included Registrar of Contractor investigators, staff from Adult Protective Services, the Arizona Attorney General's Office, and the Governor's Office of Constituent Services. DES Director Jeffries and Senator Shooter also participated. The Advisory Council on Aging is grateful to the 95+ people who took time to participate, to the WACOG staff for coordinating and providing the VDT, and to the Beatitudes Campus for hosting the event. Discussions are underway to determine how best to assist those departments interested in further training for all of their staff.

In case you missed it last time

From the **Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation**

Fading Fast: Fewer Seniors Have Retiree Health Insurance [HERE](#)

Raising Medicare's Eligibility Age Could Trigger Gov't Savings, But Tally Higher Total Health Spending [HERE](#)

INFORMATION& RESOURCES:

Latest **news from the Governor** regarding the wildfires, jobs, the economy and more at: <http://azgovernor.gov/>.

DES news release regarding continued advocacy for families affected by TANF lifetime benefit limit - [HERE](#)

More Jobs Mean More Business for ARIZONA@WORK - [HERE](#)

Legislative Wrap Up from the **Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council** found at: <https://addpc.az.gov/newsroom/2016-legislative-wrap>

Arizona Geriatrics Society 2016 Summer Conference "Self-Care for the Health Professional: Practicing What We Teach"

Friday, July 29 at the Black Canyon Conference Center, Phoenix AZ

More information: <http://www.arizonageriatrics.org/2016-summer-conference>

Plan Ahead!

Arizona Summit on Volunteerism & Civic Engagement

November 3-4, 2016, ASU West Campus, Glendale

More information: <http://volunteer.az.gov/service-and-volunteerism/summit>

Walk 4 Hearing, Saturday, November 12, 2016 at **Riverview Park**, 2100 West 8th Street, Mesa AZ. More information [HERE](#)

If you're interested

Past issues of the *Legislative Updates* are linked on the Council website at:
<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>.

You can help circulate resource information. If you would like to submit an **educational** or **public service event** for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description and a link or pdf document to: gaca@az.gov. Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates and refrain from including fundraising or marketing materials.

Now that we're between legislative sessions, it is our intent to offer the *Legislative Update* on a monthly basis.

We hope you enjoy your summer!

~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging



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